

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said wall is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.
3. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
4. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 2 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
5. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
6. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 2 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
7. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 3 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.

8. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 4 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
9. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
10. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 2 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
11. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 3 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
12. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 4 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
13. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 5 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
14. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 6 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

15. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 7 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
16. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 8 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
17. (Canceled).
18. (Canceled).
19. (Canceled).
20. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
21. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 39 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
22. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 18 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.

23. (Previously Presented) A combination as in Claim 19 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
24. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 20 further comprising a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
25. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 39 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
26. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 18 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
27. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 19 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
28. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 20 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
29. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 21 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

30. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 22 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
31. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 23 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
32. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 24 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
33. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein said end of said connecting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in direct contact with said conduit.
34. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.
35. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member further having an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.
36. (Canceled).
37. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.

38. (Currently amended) A combination of a coupling member, an electrical wire-carrying conduit, and a connecting member for positioning and securing said conduit to a remote supporting structure above said coupling member, said combination comprising:

said electrical wire-carrying conduit having opposite ends;

said coupling member receiving and supporting said conduit, said coupling member comprises a tubular member having a longitudinal axis and at least one end, said end receiving one end of said conduit along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having a wall containing an aperture ~~adapted to face~~ facing the remote supporting structure above said coupling member; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall and upwardly toward said remote structure, and

a clamp assembly, said connecting member engaging a clamp assembly adapted to selectively and securely engage the remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said conduit in a selected position, and to be removably engagable to said remote supporting structure.

39. (Currently amended) A combination of a coupling member, a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits, and a connecting member for positioning and securing a said pair of conduits to a remote supporting structure above said coupling member, said combination comprising:

said pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits, each conduit having opposite ends;

said coupling member receiving and supporting said conduits, said coupling member comprises an integral tubular member having a longitudinal axis and a generally cylindrical wall

surrounding an interior space and opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends having a longitudinal central axis and receiving one end of one of said pair of conduits along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having an aperture through said cylindrical wall into said interior space ~~adapted to face~~ facing the remote supporting structure above said coupling member; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member such that said end of said connecting member extends into said interior space to securely engage said ends of said conduits being received in said coupling member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall and upwardly toward said remote structure, and

a clamp assembly, said connecting member engaging a clamp assembly adapted to selectively and securely engage the remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said pair of conduits in a selected position, and to be removably engagable to said remote supporting structure.

40. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38 wherein said tubular member further having a wall surrounding an interior space, wherein said aperture receiving said end of said connecting member within said interior space.

41. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38 wherein said conduit further having a longitudinal axis coaxially aligned with said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.

42. (New) A combination of a coupling member, an electrical wire-carrying conduit, and a connecting member for positioning and securing said conduit to a remote supporting structure above said coupling member, said combination comprising:

said electrical wire-carrying conduit having opposite ends;

said coupling member receiving and supporting said conduit, said coupling member comprises a tubular member having at least one end, said at least one end having a longitudinal axis and receiving one end of said conduit along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having a wall containing an aperture facing the remote supporting structure above said coupling member; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall of said tubular member and upwardly toward said remote structure, and

a clamp assembly, said connecting member engaging a clamp assembly adapted to selectively and securely engage the remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said conduit in a selected position, and to be removably engagable to said remote supporting structure,

wherein

- a. said wall is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member;
- b. said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture;
- c. said end of said connecting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in direct contact with said conduit;

- d. said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said at least one end member;
 - e. said tubular member further has a wall surrounding an interior space and said aperture receives said end of said connecting member within said interior space;
 - f. said conduit further has a longitudinal axis coaxially aligned with said longitudinal axis of said at least one end; and
 - g. said combination further comprises a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
43. (New) A combination in accordance with claim 42 wherein said tubular member further having a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
44. (New) A combination in accordance with claim 42 wherein said at least one end of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.
45. (New) A combination in accordance with claim 42 wherein said at least one end of said tubular member further has an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.
46. (New) A combination of a coupling member, a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits, and a connecting member for positioning and securing said pair of conduits to a remote supporting structure above said coupling member, said combination comprising:
said pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits, each conduit having opposite ends;

said coupling member receiving and supporting said conduits, said coupling member comprises an integral tubular member having a generally cylindrical wall surrounding an interior space and a pair of opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends having a longitudinal axis and receiving one end of one of said pair of conduits along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having an aperture through said cylindrical wall into said interior space facing the remote supporting structure above said coupling member; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member such that said end of said connecting member extends into said interior space to securely engage said ends of said conduits being received in said coupling member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall of said tubular member and upwardly toward said remote structure, and,

a clamp assembly, said connecting member engaging a clamp assembly adapted to selectively and securely engage the remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said pair of conduits in a selected position, and to be removably engagable to said remote supporting structure,

wherein

- a. said wall is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member;
- b. said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture;
- c. said end of said connecting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in direct contact with said conduit;

- d. said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said tubular member;
- e. said aperture receives said end of said connecting member within said interior space; and said tubular member further has a wall surrounding an interior space,
- f. said conduit further has a longitudinal axis coaxially aligned with said longitudinal axis of said tubular member, and
- g. said combination further comprises a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.

47. A combination in accordance with claim 46, wherein said tubular member further has a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

48 (New) A combination in accordance with claim 46, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.

49. (New) A combination in accordance with claim 46, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member further having an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.